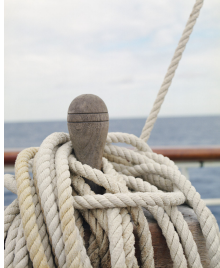


# Telltale



Lunenburg Yacht Club

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## Presentation from Commodore Ron Whynacht at Semi Annual Meeting

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I would like to present excerpts from the Semi-annual report of the Lunenburg Yacht Club.

We set 2 objectives for LYC this year. The first was to encourage the current members to use the club and programs more frequently, the second being to increase the membership.

To the end of July, we met objective #1 as operating revenue is \$260K vs \$210 in '06 and \$207K in '05. Thanks to the membership for supporting the Club in all aspects. A thank you to Judy Estey our Treasurer for keeping us on track.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> objective of increasing membership, we have as of August 21<sup>st</sup> 77 new members. To new members, we are delighted to have you on board at LYC. We have, however, lost a few members through attrition & other reasons so our net gain is 46 new members. Some of this gain is due to the new Deck membership category introduced this year.

Operating highlights: Attendance at most social programs and dinners has been great, setting new attendance records beginning with Mother's Day and continuing through the rest of the season. The survey results of last winter helped in planning, communicating and delivering the program.

I would like to recognize and thank Vice Commodore Karen Gordon, Social Director Cindy Woodgate, Club Manager Linda Hatt, Chef Faith Assaf and their staff. Also, a special thank to Brian Barnes for the Marina operation, John

Suederick as Rear Commodore, Michael O'Connor for the Learn to Sail program, Sue Bourinot & Penny Taylor for the Great Gumbo Cookoff, and Membership Chair, Mary Atkins. And a particular thank you to all the volunteers who helped with all aspects of the Club.

Several up grades have made - expanding the parking lot, new pumps, new gas dock ramp, repairs to the LTS center, added a TV (which we still have tickets for at \$5 each with a draw at the closing dinner), new picnic tables, repairs & painting of existing deck furniture, front deck power washed & water treated, new lawn mower, repaired flag pole, etc.

Plans are underway to pave the expanded parking lot areas, new parking lines to mark the new layout, new or improved boat launch ramp, bouys added to the mooring field to mark our water lot, numbered LYC guest moorings, fencing around the dumpster & upgrades

to the ice machine, furnace & hot water heater. Some of this will be done this year, the balance next year.

LYC has been awarded the hosting of the Provincial OPTI championships this year which will be held this Sept 22 & 23. Next year, LYC will host the National OPTI championships with up to 80 boats expected. This will be held in mid-August after Chester Race Week. The organizing committee will be chaired by Michael O'Connor and his committee. Volunteers will be needed and are most welcome.

You will soon receive a survey which the long range planning committee needs to help the Board plan the next 5 years for LYC to ensure we meet that objective which is "to attract and retain members to ensure the vitality of LYC". Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

One of the things we were successful in doing this year was mobilizing volunteers. Without them and the positive impact they make to the Club and our financial position, we would not be succeeding in the objectives we set for LYC. These volunteers were recognized at a

Special Night on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to one and all for supporting the Club.

## Vice Commodore Karen Gordon

This season is coming to a close after a fabulous summer at LYC. It was a full calendar of events this year. Linda Hatt and her staff were constantly up to the challenge. Faith and crew continuously provided wonderful menus and great variety. The focus was in response to the Member survey in early 2007.

The Club opened this season on Mondays for gas, dock and beverages offering service flexibility to our members.

Many staff have begun to leave for the school year so the Club is attempting to fill these gaps through to the end of September. Please bear with us.

Thanks to all members for supporting the Club. Please pass on your comments and concerns to us. We need the feedback.

There will be a new website for 2008 as Doug Cooke has taken on the task of updating it. Many thanks to Karen Jannigan who has been our loyal

web skipper for several years. She will be stepping down for 2008 when Doug Cooke takes over.

## Rear Commodore John Suederick

The senior sailing and racing programs had a great season with an increased number of senior racers this year. Up to 13 boats per race with intense competition and camaraderie.

Great fun at "Race Week in a Day". Thanks to Colin Mann and the Poohsticks crew. Seven yachts competed in 4 races.

13 J29's attended the J29 regatta. Scott Covey organized a great regatta with the help of Andreas Josenhans and their volunteers.

10 LYC boats participated in Chester Race Week with many top 3 finishes.

We look forward to the closing dinner and Trophy presentation at the end of September.



## Marina Brian Barnes

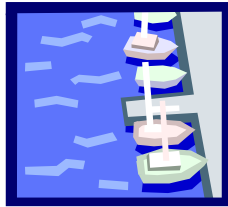
Operations at the Marina have been smooth thanks to calm weather. There are no issues or damages to report.

The new anchoring addition & marina modification appear successful in improving the overall security of the system.

For the 2007 season, there have been 4 berth transfers of ownership with the latest sale being long-term owners Duff & Janet Sweeny. Others who sold were Bob Snair, David Smith & the Whalen family. Newest members are Tom Martin and Ron & Carol McCready and Ray Ouimet. Two berths remain available for purchase so anyone interested give me a call. LYC now owns 4 berthing areas on the marina, increasing the availability for both guests and visitors.

The newly donated dock carts were a hit. The new marina storage building will be erected below the wells & plans to be in place in the next few weeks; this has been donated by a generous Marina member.

Marina utilities will be disconnected during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. The marina and gas/tender docks will be removed the following week. Thanks for a great season at the Marina!



## Learn to Sail Michael O'Connor

We have just finished a very, very busy summer in the Learn to Sail Program. Prize presentations took place at the closing dinner Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. For many of our young sailors this was not the first time this summer they were picking up prizes. At every regatta this summer, we had sailors on the podium.

Here are just a few in which our young sailors did LYC proud: ARK, Bedford, July 7-8; The Bay, The Wind, The Regatta, St. Margaret's Bay Sailing Club, July 14 & 15; Sail East, Summerside PEI; 16 & Under, Chester; Opti Jam, Chester; Kennedy Cup, RNSYS; Chester Race Week, Chester; Opti Canadian Championships, Montreal; CORK, Kingston, ON.

In total, we had 40 kids attend at least one regatta this summer, several doing 5 regattas. At almost every one, LYC had one of the largest teams in terms of boats & sailors. At the Canadian Optis in Montreal there were 14 kids out of 108 from Nova Scotia, 10 from the COAST team and 4 from LYC. At CORK, there were 25 sailors from NS, 9 of them from LYC!

While these sailors were on the road, we had large classes of white & bronze sailors learning the basics & enjoying themselves.

As the Learn to Sail Director this summer, the highlight for me personally has been the illustration of great community spirit. It was shown again this year by the parents and others supporting the young sailors by helping with organizing. Thanks to all for your support. Rest assured we will be calling again looking for ideas and support for next season.

## Thanks for the Great Gumbo Cookoff and Auction

Because of the generosity of so many at our Great Gumbo Cookoff and

Auction, the LYC will have much needed funds for the Club's operations. For all involved, a hearty Nova Scotia thanks. On the Auction alone excluding bar and food, well over \$11,000 was raised.

The Live auction alone raised \$3,000. Special thanks to the Listons for their UBC campus condo, Joe Sheppard & Jefferson Harkin for a gourmet meal for 4 on Kaulback Island, Tim & Andrea Atkins for a weekend at their Mersey River Chalets, and Peter Smith for hosting a group aboard Sea Mistress during Chester Race Week in 2008.

Special thanks to Al Mosher who was Auctioneer. Ron Whynacht and Chris Morrow outdid themselves as the great cooks of the two different Seafood Gumbo dinners!!

Sheila DeLory and Sharon Gow were patience supreme in marshalling and doing the preliminary work for the Silent Auction.

Linda Hatt and her crew kept the kitchen and bar running smoothly amidst the intense activity of the evening. Thanks to the bar staff for looking after not only the bar but also the

music and the money for the event.

Thanks to those who attended and bid on the auction items; you were enthusiastic and generous. Many others contributed to the success of the event. Our friends for all their "legwork" leading up to the Event. Mary Atkins, Deb Crane and Karen Gordon. My staff at The Teazer. And Jim Mosher for assembling the theme music of Louisiana for the evening.

Finally, a special thank you to my Co-Chair, Penny Taylor who provided flowers and center pieces from her shop The Apple Blossom Shop. The Teazer donated door prizes.

**Thank you all,**  
Sue Bourinot & Penny Taylor, Event Co-chairs

## Membership

LYC Membership in 2007 has been encouraging with 77 new members (senior 22, spousal 25, deck 13, intro 14, crew 3) Thanks to everyone who has encouraged friends to join the Club and helped out with Open House. We also had 34 members that did not rejoin LYC this year. We must, therefore, continue to promote LYC

through Open Houses, via existing members or other solicitations to continue to build our membership. Any ideas to promote joining the Club would be welcome.

## Message from Club Manager Linda Hatt

Phew – what a season we have had! Not only did we have a jam-packed full calendar with many successful social events, we had many private rentals as well. Although challenging at times, we were able to pull it all together on very calm waters.

This could not have been accomplished without the staff that we have had at the Club this season. They all worked very hard, put in long hours, spending their summer at LYC. A huge THANK YOU to all, a fabulous crew!!

We still have a few happy hours left. So please drop by the Club – pick up some clothing at 25% off; and there is still a Chowder Night. So let's raise our Sails to 2007! It's been a great year.

Happy Sailing!